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DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or the below named inventors are the original, first and joint inventors (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **Functionalized Vegetable Oil Derivatives, Latex Compositions and Coatings**, the Specification of which:

- ☐ is attached hereto.
☒ was filed on **March 12, 2004** as Application Serial No. **10/800,410**.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application, as "materiality" is defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent, United States provisional application(s), or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent, United States provisional application, or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

| PRIORITY APPLICATION(S) | | | Priority Claimed |
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| <i>None</i> | | | |
| (Number) | (Country) | (Date Filed) | Yes/No |
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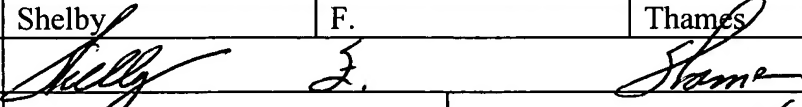
I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application, as "materiality" is defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, which become available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:


None

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ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 AND 3.73
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

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Sir:

The undersigned, being Assignee of record of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an assignment recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as set forth below, hereby elects, under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventors.

The Assignee hereby revokes any previous Powers of Attorney and appoints:

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of the firm of HOWREY SIMON ARNOLD & WHITE, LLP, as its attorneys or agents, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute the application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith, and to receive any Letters Patent, and for one year after issuance of such Letters Patent to file any request for a certificate of correction that may be deemed appropriate.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned has reviewed the evidentiary documents, specifically the Assignment to University of Southern Mississippi, referenced below, and certifies that to the best of my knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of the Assignee.

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☐ Previously recorded

Date: _____
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On this the 13th day of July, 2004, before me, Betty Ann Morgan, the undersigned officer, personally appeared **Cecil D. Burge**, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained. In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal.

Betty Ann Morgan
Notary

July 13, 2004
Date

My Commission Expires Oct. 20th, 2004